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HOUSE BILL No. 1002

DIGEST OF HB 1002 (Updated January 21, 2016 9:57 am - DI 116)

Citations Affected: IC 21-12.

Synopsis: Next generation Hoosier educators scholarship. Establishes the next generation Hoosier educators scholarship program. Provides that the commission for higher education (commission) may approve awarding a scholarship to an eligible applicant in an amount of \$7,500 each academic year for not more than four academic years. Establishes criteria an applicant must meet to receive a scholarship. Prohibits the commission from: (1) awarding a scholarship in an amount of more than a total of \$30,000 to an individual applicant; (2) awarding scholarships to more than 200 new applicants each academic year; and (3) awarding a scholarship to an applicant unless the applicant has applied to and been accepted for enrollment in an accredited postsecondary educational institution approved by the commission. Establishes the next generation Hoosier educators scholarship fund to provide funds for next generation Hoosier educators scholarships awarded by the commission.

Effective: July 1, 2016.

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January 11, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.
January 21, 2016, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 21-12-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2016]:
- 4 **Chapter 16. Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship**
- 5 **Program and Fund**
- 6 **Sec. 1. The commission shall receive and consider applications**
- 7 **for a next generation Hoosier educators scholarship under this**
- 8 **chapter.**
- 9 **Sec. 2. (a) The next generation Hoosier educators scholarship**
- 10 **fund is established for the purpose of providing scholarships to**
- 11 **attract and retain eligible applicants to the teaching profession.**
- 12 **(b) The fund consists of the following:**
- 13 **(1) Appropriations made by the general assembly.**
- 14 **(2) Gifts, grants, devises, or bequests made to the commission**
- 15 **to achieve the purposes of the fund.**
- 16 **(c) The commission shall administer the fund.**
- 17 **(d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**

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1 money in the fund.

2 (e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
3 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
4 manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that
5 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

6 (f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
7 revert to the state general fund but remains available to be used for
8 the purpose of this chapter.

9 Sec. 3. (a) An applicant who initially enrolls in an accredited
10 postsecondary educational institution after June 30, 2017, may
11 qualify for a scholarship under this chapter. To qualify for a
12 scholarship, an applicant must:

13 (1) apply for a scholarship on a form supplied by the
14 commission;

15 (2) except as provided in subsection (b), have graduated from
16 an Indiana nonaccredited nonpublic or accredited high school
17 after June 30, 2016, and either:

18 (A) graduated in the highest twenty percent (20%) of
19 students in the applicant's high school graduating class; or

20 (B) received a score in the top twentieth percentile on the
21 SAT or ACT examination;

22 (3) have participated in school activities and community
23 service activities during high school;

24 (4) have applied to and been accepted for enrollment in an
25 accredited postsecondary educational institution approved by
26 the commission under section 8 of this chapter;

27 (5) agree in writing to:

28 (A) obtain a license to teach under IC 20-28-5; and

29 (B) teach for at least five (5) consecutive years in a public
30 school or an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) in
31 Indiana after graduating with a baccalaureate degree from
32 the accredited postsecondary educational institution
33 described in subdivision (4); and

34 (6) meet any other criteria established by the commission.

35 (b) A student who graduates from a nonaccredited nonpublic
36 school must meet the requirement described in subsection (a)(2)(B)
37 in order to meet the eligibility requirement described in subsection
38 (a)(2).

39 Sec. 4. The commission shall consider each application and
40 determine the eligibility of the applicant for the scholarship.

41 Sec. 5. Before receiving a scholarship under this chapter, the
42 applicant must enter into a contract with the commission agreeing



1 to:

- 2 (1) the terms and conditions described in section 3(a)(5) of this
3 chapter; and
4 (2) any other terms and conditions established by the
5 commission.

6 Sec. 6. (a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c), if an applicant
7 meets the requirements under this chapter, the commission may
8 award, for not more than four (4) academic years, a scholarship to
9 the applicant in an amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars
10 (\$7,500) for each academic year that the applicant attends the
11 accredited postsecondary educational institution.

12 (b) The commission may not do the following:

- 13 (1) Award a scholarship under this chapter in an amount of
14 more than a total of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to an
15 individual applicant.
16 (2) Award scholarships under this chapter to more than two
17 hundred (200) new applicants each academic year.

18 (c) If the total amount to be distributed from the fund in a state
19 fiscal year exceeds the amount available for distribution, the
20 amount to be distributed to each eligible applicant shall be
21 proportionately reduced so that the total reductions equal the
22 amount of the excess.

23 Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the commission
24 shall establish standards that a student must meet to remain
25 eligible to receive a scholarship under this chapter. The standards
26 must include the following:

- 27 (1) Maintaining a cumulative minimum grade point average
28 of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
29 (2) Enrolling in and completing at least fifteen (15) credit
30 hours each semester or its equivalent.
31 (3) Any other requirements the commission considers
32 necessary.

33 (b) The commission may allow a student who fails to meet the
34 standards described in subsection (a) and is ineligible for an award
35 during the next academic year to maintain eligibility if the student
36 submits a petition to the commission in a manner prescribed by the
37 commission so that the commission may make a determination that
38 extenuating circumstances, as determined by the commission,
39 prevented the student from meeting the standards described in
40 subsection (a).

41 (c) If the commission grants a waiver under subsection (b), the
42 commission may:



- (1) place the student on probationary status; and
- (2) establish additional requirements for the student.

Sec. 8. (a) The commission may not award a scholarship under this chapter to an applicant unless the applicant has applied to and been accepted for enrollment in an accredited postsecondary educational institution approved by the commission under this section.

(b) The commission shall establish standards for teacher education that an accredited postsecondary educational institution must meet to receive approval by the commission under this section, including the:

- (1) information an accredited postsecondary educational institution is required to submit to the commission regarding the institution's teacher education program; and
- (2) criteria and standards for approval.

Sec. 9. An individual who:

- (1) received a scholarship under this chapter;
- (2) is no longer enrolled in an accredited postsecondary educational institution approved by the commission under section 8 of this chapter; and
- (3) did not receive a baccalaureate degree from an accredited postsecondary educational institution approved by the commission under section 8 of this chapter;

shall repay the amount of the scholarship awarded to the individual under this chapter in a timely fashion, as determined by the commission.

Sec. 10. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), if an individual:

- (1) receives a scholarship under this chapter; and
- (2) fails to teach in a public school or an eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) in Indiana for at least five (5) consecutive years as described in section 3(a)(5) of this chapter;

the individual shall repay the total amount of the scholarship awarded to the individual under this chapter in a timely fashion. The total amount that an individual is required to repay shall be reduced by twenty percent (20%), as determined by the commission, for each consecutive year the individual teaches at a public school or eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7).

(b) The commission may extend the length of time in which an individual must complete the requirements of an agreement described in section 3(a)(5) of this chapter if the individual submits



a petition to the commission in a manner prescribed by the commission and the commission makes a determination that extenuating circumstances, as determined by the commission, prevented the individual from timely meeting the requirements described in section 3(a)(5) of this chapter.

(c) The commission may waive repayment under subsection (a) if the individual has been declared to be totally and permanently disabled under 34 CFR 685.213.

(d) The commission may enter into an agreement with the department of state revenue established by IC 6-8.1-2-1 or another third party vendor to assist in the enforcement of subsection (a) and section 9 of this chapter.

Sec. 11. An individual who receives a scholarship under this chapter is not required to teach at the same public school or eligible school (as defined in IC 20-51-1-4.7) in Indiana for five (5) consecutive years.

Sec. 12. The commission shall administer the scholarship awarded under this chapter as a financial aid award.

Sec. 13. (a) Subject to subsection (c), the amount of a scholarship awarded under this chapter may not be reduced because the student receives other scholarships or forms of financial aid.

(b) Except as otherwise provided under law and subject to subsection (c), the amount of any other state financial aid received by a student may not be reduced because the student receives a scholarship under this chapter.

(c) The total amount of scholarships or other financial aid a student receives may not exceed the total amount of expenses to attend the accredited postsecondary educational institution, including tuition, room, board, and other fees.

Sec. 14. An applicant is eligible to receive a scholarship under this chapter only if an appropriation has been made to carry out the specific purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 15. (a) The commission shall maintain complete and accurate records in implementing the next generation Hoosier educators scholarship fund established by section 2 of this chapter, including records of the following:

(1) The receipt, disbursement, and uses of money from the fund.

(2) The number of applications for the next generation Hoosier educators scholarship.

(3) The number and amount of next generation Hoosier



educators scholarships that have been provided by the commission.

(4) Any other information collected concerning the fund or next generation Hoosier educators scholarships awarded under this chapter.

(b) Not later than November 1, 2017, and each November 1 thereafter, the commission shall submit a report to the governor and, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6, to the general assembly summarizing the records described in subsection (a).

Sec. 16. The commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to carry out this chapter.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1002, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 9, after "3." insert **"(a)"**.

Page 2, line 15, after "(2)" insert **"except as provided in subsection (b),"**.

Page 2, line 15, delete "accredited Indiana" and insert **"Indiana nonaccredited nonpublic or accredited"**.

Page 2, between lines 33 and 34, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) A student who graduates from a nonaccredited nonpublic school must meet the requirement described in subsection (a)(2)(B) in order to meet the eligibility requirement described in subsection (a)(2)."

Page 2, line 39, delete "3(5)" and insert **"3(a)(5)"**.

Page 4, line 27, delete "3(5)" and insert **"3(a)(5)"**.

Page 4, line 36, delete "3(5)" and insert **"3(a)(5)"**.

Page 4, line 41, delete "3(5)" and insert **"3(a)(5)"**.

Page 5, line 5, delete "." and insert **"and section 9 of this chapter."**

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1002 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

